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Bernard Smeets et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE  
LEVELED ACCESS CONTROL

Examiner: C. D. Fields

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2004, please consider the following  
remarks:

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